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The new awakening

The warm sun basked through the nursery walls and the sun flashed in the den warming the she-kits back. The scent of milk bathed her tongue as she huddled against her mother. Her mothers scent washed over her as her mother began to wash her, feeling her tongue brush against her head.

"When is she gonna open her eyes ma?" a little meow asked.

"Soon I hope", the older cat meowed "don't worry Smokekit." She could feel her mother get up. Her fur brushed against her mother as she stretched her legs.

"What's her name Ravenflight?" Another queen's meow sounded.

"I was thinking of calling her Shadekit because of her black pelt." She paused," if only she would open her eyes so I could see if she had my eyes or not." Ravenflight sighed. "If only I hadn't lost Moonkit." She felt her mother lay down beside her and nuzzled Shadekit. "At least I have you two."

Shadekit really wanted to open her eyes and see the world but she didn't. Then the next day she finally decided she was going to.

It was a little cold and the wind blew in the nursery sending shivers through her body. She peeped through her eyes and couldn't believe what she saw! The green leaves on the trees stood out against the bright blue sky while the branches on the trees sent shadows across the forest floor where the warrior went and hunted their prey. She looked up and saw the branches in the nursery hung over her head.

She looked behind her and saw her mothers black pelt with a white tuft on her chest. "Hi mom." She rushed over to Ravenflight tripping on her paws. She brushed her fur on her mothers cheek.

"Oh you've opened your eyes!" Ravenflight smiled and licked the top of her head. She heard a yowl in the clearing and looked behind

her shoulder.

A toms hiss yowled through the trees. "A fox has killed Lizardstep!".....

Untitled Part 2

Dark fur flashed beside her in the corner of her eye. At once she felt her mother grab her fur and picked her up seeing the ground below her. Ravenflight set her down in the back corner of the den. She saw her mother garb Smokekit and rushed to Shadekit.

"Stay here you two!" Her mother ordered. Fear struck her voice as she lied down beside her kits wrapping her tail around them.

"Why do we have to hide?" Shadekit growled. "I'm not a scardy kitty pet!" Shadekit tried to get out of the circle her mother made with her tail but fell down.

"A patrol is going to go kill the fox." Her mother made a small growl. "and I'm not having another one of my kits die." Grief edged her meow. Ravenflight looked toward the other queen.

"Will you watch my kits while I go ask Badgerfang someth...." A dark brown tabby figure walked in the nursery. It's bright green eyes gazed at Ravenflight. Her mother stood up and walked to the huge tom. *It looks like an evil tom*, she growled, *why is she talking to him*! "That's not my father!" Shadekit stood up and dashed to the tom tripping over her paws. "Why are you talking to my mother!?" She hissed. "Your not Badgerflame!"

The tom looked at her surprised. *Yea you better be scared*. Ravenflight walked to Shadekit blushing. "He's just a friend of mine." She picked up Shadekit and lied her down next to Smokekit and the other queen. "Stay with Swanfeather!"

Her mother followed the tabby tom out the entrance of the nursery leaving her kits with Swanfeather.

Chapter 3

Shadekit waited in the nursery for her mother. *Why does she hang out with that cat?* She sat and played with Smokekit in the nursery but soon she found herself staring at the clearing.

She waited for what felt like moons and finally she saw the dark black pelt of her mother. *Ravenflight*? She saw flaming amber eyes. *Even better it's Badgerflame*! She thought excitedly. Her father smiled as he saw Shadekit. "Hello Shadekit. How are you?" He smiled like he was happy but she could see a look of sadness in his eyes.

"I'm fine..but are you okay?" She asked him anxiously. He replied with a sigh then he mumbled, "I'm fine but..." he looked at the ground. "It's grown up stuff." Badgerflame looked at Shadekit and smiled. "We did kill the fox though!" He said holding his head high.

"I wanted to kill that fox!" Smokekit growled. "But I'm not old enough." She sighed walking up to Badgerflame. "Can you teach me and Shadekit how to battle?" She looked over at Shadekit. "If you're up to the challenge?" She said teasingly.

Badgerflame purred amused as Shadekit growled jokingly "I'm up to the challenge but the question is are you ready?" Smokekit narrowed her eyes "oh I'm ready!" She meowed courageously.

Badgerflame looked at them and sighed "if only there were a cat able to do the job." He sighed jokingly. Both of the sisters looked at each other the meowed at the same time "you, Badgerflame!" They all laughed and then Badgerflame spoke up, "well we will have to wait till tomorrow it's getting late." He meowed as he signaled his tail towards their nest.

Shadekit and Smokekit both said bye then they settled in their nests. "When do you think Ravenflight will be back?" Smokekit asked Swanfeather. Swanfeather sighed "I don't know, soon....I

hope." Shadekit was worried about her mother but kind of angry also.

A few moments passed and then Shadekit saw her mother walk in the nursery smiling. *Why is she so happy? It's not like she's been spending time with us or Badgerflame.* "Where were you?" Shadekit asked confused and angry. "Be quiet your sister is sleeping!" AHer mother said furiously. Ravenflight settled in the nest beside her kits and fell asleep.

Chapter 4

Four moons had passed and Shadekit couldn't wait to be apprenticed but she had to wait a moon. A lot of things had happened in the camp. Wolf star had appointed Rushheart as deputy because Scartail had died in a fight with a badger and Swanfeather had her kits. Two toms and one she-kit. Shatteredkit and Lightningkit were the toms and Dovekit was the she-kit. Badgerflame had tried to teach Shadekit and Smokekit but their mother had objected. *What was her problem?* Ravenflight was still hanging out with Oakstripe. There was a new queen in the nursery already and it was getting crowded. Smokekit was hanging out with Foxpaw instead of Shadekit. What has happened to my life?

Shadekit padded into the nursery and saw Shatteredkit and his siblings playing with moss having fun. Pain stung her heart as she realized everything she had known had felt so far even though it was right in front of her. She felt like crying but held a face. *I can't be weak!* She growled but stopped realizing everyone was looking at her. Nightpaw glared at her while her mother showed her teeth as she nuzzled Oakstripe. Her father watched Ravenflight and Oakstripe but looked at his paws.

Shadekit walked up to her father and sat next to him. "I know my mother doesn't love you anymore." She saw her father tear up. "I'm sorry." Her father looked at her through watery eyes. " it's not your fault." Anger blazed through his eyes as though it burned the tears and sadness. "Your not fox-heart in this family!" He hissed as he stalked off into the forest. Shadekit looked over to her mother and saw Oakstripe glaring at her father. Anger blazed through her, *he has no right to look at my father like that*!

Then she heard something she never wanted to hear in her life. Oakstripe nuzzled Ravenflight and then meowed "I love you." Ravenflight looked surprised and backed away. "I-I-I umm have to go. I will talk to you later." Ravenflight walked towards the forest

and disappeared into the shadows of the trees.

Chapter 5

Shadekit sat there alone in the shadows of the Great Rock. *Why does everyone just leave me?* Shadekit saw Nightpaw walk towards her. His dark gray fur almost looked black in the shadows. His calm green eyes calmed her. He sat next to her feeling his fur brush against her.

"Hey what's up with your parents?" He asked calmly. She shook her head and sighed. "I don't know, they don't love each other." Pain stabbed her heart and she growled. "Well my mother doesn't love my father!" She looked away. "Badgerflame loves her though."

Nightpaw sighed. "It's okay." He looked at her and smiled. "I'm here for you." Shadekit backed away. "O-okay." She stuttered.

One moon had passed and she was going to get her apprentice ceremony today. Her mother washed her fur but besides that Ravenflight wouldn't talk to her. Shadekit had been hanging out with Nightpaw fit that moon and her life had gotten better.

It was sun high when she heard a yowl from the Gret Rock. Wolfstar's mighty voice rang in the hollow, "All old enough to hunt at night gather around the Great Rock for a meeting!" Nightpaw nudged her. "It's your apprentice ceremony!" His eyes shone bright with pride. *Why is he so happy, it's not like he's getting his warrior name or anything?* She thought confused.

Shadekit trotted to the bottom of the rock eyes shining bright and smiling. She saw her sister walk behind her smiling. Wolfstar signaled to with his tail for Shadekit and Smokekit to climb to the he top of the Great Rock.

"Smokekit do you promise to follow the warrior code with your life till you become a warrior?" He asked her sternly. Smokekit looked into his eyes. "Yes I do." She responded. "Then Snakeclaw will be you mentor." Smokepaw turned to Snaketail and touched his nose with hers.

Wolfstar turned his head to Shadekit. *I can't believe this is happening!* "Do you promise to do the same?" His voice rang in her ears drowning out everything. She held her head high. "Yes I do." Wolfstar smiled. "Then your mentor will be Oakstripe." *No! He can't be my mentor I hate him!* She wanted to shout it but kept silent and nodded. Oakstripe smiled and reached out his nose. Shadepaw hesitated but touched noses and then backed away.

Foxpaw and Nightpaw were the first to cheer but soon the whole clan joined in. "Smokepaw Shadepaw Smokepaw Shadepaw!" Shadepaw and her sister smiled and stepped off the rock. Smokepaw walked to Foxpaw and nuzzled him. She saw Nightpaw walk up to her. *Why does he hang out with me?* Nightpaw nuzzled her. She was shocked but sat next to him and sighed.

Chapter 6

Shadepaw sat there with Nightpaw until she heard a toms growl. "Get up! We need to go around the border so you know them." he growled. "I see you two are getting along well..." he smirked.

What was that supposed to mean? "Ok I'm coming." She looked around the busy camp. "Where is Smokepaw?" Oakstripe rolled his eyes. "Smokepaw and Snakeclaw are already waiting for us so come on!" Before she could reply he walked out of camp. Shadepaw dashed after him. *What's his problem?*

When she caught up with them Snakeclaw snorted. "Jeez Oakstripe your slacking with mentor duties already!" he had a teasing laugh. Oakstripe growled. "No I'm not!" he glared at Shadepaw. "Now lets get going we don't have all day!"

As they started to walk across the piney forest floors she could smell pine scents and she smelt a little marsh scents. As they approached one of the borders a scent bathed her tongue. *Eeew!! "*That's disgusting!" Smokepaw choked. Shadepaw nodded. "What disgusting clan smells like that!?"

Snakeclaw and Oakstripe purred in amusement. "That's Riverclan...they eat fish if you can't tell by the smell." Oakstripe meowed. His brown tabby coat bristled then he growled. "Lets go to Thunderclan border."

Snakeclaw took the lead while Oakstripe stayed in the back mumbling to himself.

The rest of the day went by fast making fun of the 'Thunderclan kittypets' and 'fish breath Riverclan'.

When they arrived at camp Smokepaw rushed to Foxpaw and left her alone. For once she wanted Nightpaw to hang out with her. She looked around but couldn't find him.

She was just about to go to the apprentice den to sleep when she felt something nuzzle her. *Nightpaw!* "I was looking for you!" she smiled when she saw the huge squirrel in his jaws. She widened her eyes. "Did you catch that!" Nightpaw puffed out his chest. "Yea I caught it for you."

She felt her face get hot but shook it off. "Thanks!"

He dropped it at her paws. "Here."

She took it and gobbled it up in a few bites. She smiled. "Thanks it was delicious!" She sighed from exhaustion. "I'm going to go to bed." she licked his ear. "Come on, its late."

Shadepaw walked to the apprentice den and Nightpaw followed. She stepped into the gloomy den and shortly after she found a nice soft nest. She curled up in it feeling Nightpaw's fur against her back because his nest was the one next to her's.

She couldn't fall asleep. *I miss the shuffling paws of the kits and how Shatteredkit used to wake her up because he was scared.* She sighed and before she knew it she was fast asleep.